

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (EMSs) FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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Program

8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Joshua Secunda, EPA New England

Michael Field, Assistant Provost, Boston University

Ira W. Leighton, Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA New England

9:35 a.m. **EMS BASICS: THE UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVE.** The college and university communities present unique environmental management issues due to organizational structure and culture, physical layout, student body turnover, and a diversity of environmental functions and interactions. There are also limited resources available to allocate among the areas of regulatory compliance, pollution prevention, and environmental management. Can institutions adapt a system to maximize the return on the limited resources available for managing environmental affairs?

Dr. William T. Engel Jr., Ph. D., Director, University of Florida - TREEO

10:35 a.m. BREAK

10:50 a.m. **SESSION 1: EMS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES.** Colleges and Universities will present their strategies for defining and developing their organization's EMS.

Moderator: Faith Leavitt, FLW Enterprises

Panelists: Dr. John H. Fitch, Florida Gulf Coast University

Rich Lemoine, University of Massachusetts - Lowell

Peter Schneider, Boston University

12:30 p.m. LUNCH

1:45 p.m. **SESSION 2: WHAT ASSISTANCE IS THERE FOR A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THE EMS PROCESS? THE EMS GUIDE FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.** Two tools that may be of special interest to colleges and universities are currently under development in the New England region.

EMS GUIDANCE MANUAL FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. EPA New England, with contractor support from TetraTech EM Inc., is developing a guidance manual on EMS design tailored to academic institutions. We are currently seeking input from colleges and universities to help make this a valuable and useful tool.

Marge Miranda, EPA New England, EMS Team
Jean Holbrook, EPA New England. EMS Team

UMASS LOWELL EMS SERVICE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES. UMASS Lowell, with EPA sponsorship, will be providing EMS training and implementation assistance to public agencies such as municipalities, publicly-owned utilities and schools, hospitals and others. This is an innovative new program that offers practical down-to-earth assistance for public agencies in the EMS implementation process.

Mathew C. Donahue, Esquire
UMASS Lowell EMS Service Program

2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:30 p.m. **SESSION 3: CAMPUS CONSORTIUM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE (C2E2)** An update on the environmental programs being developed at 3 universities participating in C2E2, including the XL project on environmental management in college laboratories, and a presentation of an environmental self-assessment tool for campuses.

Thomas P. Balf, NeXus Environmental Partners
Ralph Stuart, University of Vermont

3:45 p.m. CONCLUSION